

Extract from Interrogation of Hideki Tojo
18 March 1946, pp. 1-2, 3, 4.

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- "Q The text of the final note to America was approved, first by the Liaison Conference, and later by the Cabinet, was it not?
- "A The gist of it was approved by the Cabinet, but the final text was the responsibility of the Foreign Minister. Of course, it is my responsibility too.
- "Q Did not also the Liaison Conference first approve the gist of it?
- "A Yes, of course. They did.
- "Q TOGO says that he composed the text of that note on a basis of the views furnished by the Liaison Conference and that the text, after being written, was presented to and approved by the Liaison Conference. Is this correct?
- "A Yes.
- "Q After this had happened, the cabinet also approved it, did it not?
- "A As I recall it, after the Liaison Conference had approved it, the gist of it was given to the Cabinet by the Foreign Minister, after which they approved it. In any case, if my memory is correct, I do not believe that the text was distributed to all the members of the Cabinet.
- "Q After TOGO and the two Chiefs of Staff had decided that 1:00 P.M., 7 December 1941, Washington time, was to be the time for the delivery of the final note, this fact was reported to and approved by the Liaison Conference, was it not?
- "A No. The Liaison conference, which I was, you might say, head of, delegated to the two Chiefs of Staff and the Foreign Minister the task of setting a time prior to the attack. The three-man committee did not report back to the Liaison Conference. I don't remember that the three-man committee reported back to the Liaison Conference on the time. I am reporting to you the facts, but the results of those facts are my responsibility."

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- "Q Did the Foreign Minister know of the time and the day set for the attack? /Referring to the Pearl Harbor attack./
- "A Yes, the Foreign Minister knew it too. The President of the Planning Board also knew.
- "Q As you recall it, the Liaison Conference did not approve the time set for the delivery of the note nor approve of the length of time between the delivery of the note and the attack?
- "A The Liaison Conference delegated the carrying out of this matter to the Foreign Minister and the two Chiefs of Staff and, in that sense only, approved."

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- "Q In addition to the Minister of War and Foreign Minister, were there any other cabinet members present at the Liaison Conferences immediately preceding the Imperial Conference of 1 December 1941?
- "A I do not remember exactly, but I suppose that the Commerce and Industry Minister and the Communications Minister attended because raw materials were involved for factories and shipping was involved. Of course, the President of the Planning Board and the Navy Minister were also there.
- "Q Was the Minister of Finance there?
- "A Yes, he was always at Liaison Conference meetings. Those five were always there - War, Navy, Planning Board, Foreign, and Finance Ministers."

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東條英機ニ對スル訊問ヨリノ抜萃

昭和二十一年三月十八日

第一一二、三、四頁

「第一一二頁」

問、米國ニ對スル最後通牒ノ本文ハ最初ニ連絡會議ニ在リ、ソレカラ内閣ニ依ツテ承認サレタノデハアリマセンデシタカ

答、ソノ要旨ハ内閣ニ依ツテ承認サレマシタガ最後ノ本文ハ外務大臣ノ責任デアリマシタ。勿論私ノ責任デモアリマス

問、連絡會議モ亦ソノ要旨ヲ最初ニ承認シマセンデシタカ

答、ハイ、勿論シマシタ

問、ソノ通牒ノ本文ハ連絡會議カラ提議サレタル意見ニ基イテ東郷ガ作製シタモノデ、ソレガ壁カレテカラ連絡會議ニ提出サレ而シテソレニ依ツテ承認サレタノダト東郷ハ言フガ是ハ正シイデスカ

答、ハイ

問、コノ後内閣モ亦ソレヲ承認シタノデハアリマセンデシタカ

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答、私ノ記憶ニ依レバ連絡會議ガ承認シテカラソノ
要旨ガ外務大臣ニ依ツテ内閣へ渡サレ、ソレカ
ラ内閣ガコレヲ承認シマシタ。何レニシテモ私
ノ記憶ガ正シイナラバ本文ハ閣員全部ニ配布サ
レタトハ思ヒマセン

問、最後這樣手交ノ時期ハ「ワシントン」時間ヲ照
和十六年十二月七日午後一時トイフ事ニ東郷及
ビ兩總長ガ決定シテ後ニ、コノ事實ガ連絡會議
ニ報告サレソシテ承認サレタノデハアリマセン
デシタカ

答、イ、エ、言ハベ私ガ議長デアツタコノ連絡會議
ガ攻撃前ノ時刻ヲ決定スル任務ヲ右ノ兩總長ト
外務大臣ニ委任シタノデス。コノ三人ノ委員會
ハ連絡會議へ復命シマセンデシタ。三人ノ委員
會ガ連絡會議ニ時刻ニ就イテ復命シタトハ覺エ
テ居リマセン、私ハ事實ヲ貴方ニ御話シテ居リ
マスガソノ事實ノ結果ハ私ノ責任デアリマス

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「第三頁」

問、外務大臣ヘソノ攻撃日時ニ付イテ知ツテ居ツタ
ノデスカ

「眞珠灣攻撃ニ關シテ」

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答、ハイ、外務大臣モ知ツテ居リマシタ、全盛院總裁モ亦知ツテ居リマシタ

問、貴方ノ記憶ニ依レバ連絡會議ハ通牒手交ノ時刻又ハ通牒手交ト攻撃トノ間ノ時間ヲ承認シテカツタノデスカ

答、連絡會議ハコノ事情ノ遂行ヲ外務大臣ト兩總長ニ委任シマシタ、ソシテソノ意味ニ於テ承認シマシタ

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「第四頁」

問、昭和十六年十二月一日ノ御前會議直前ノ連絡會議ニ陸軍大臣ト外務大臣以外ノ閣員ガ出席シテ居リマシタカ

答、ハツキリ覺エテ居リマセンガ工場ニ對スル原料及ビ海運ニ關連シテイマシタカラ商工大臣並ニ通商大臣ガ出席シタト思ヒマス、勿論全盛院總裁ト陸軍大臣モ出席シマシタ

問、大藏大臣ハ居リマシタカ

答、ハイ、彼ハ常ニ連絡會議ニ出テ居リマシタ、是等五人ハ何時モ出席シマシタ。即チ陸軍、海軍、外務、大藏ノ各大臣ト全盛院總裁デス。

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